

January 19, 2010

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

As a Cardholding Member of the Michigan Marijuana Registry and Voter in the State of Michigan I would like to offer a suggestion on how to improve the application of the current Law enacted by the Voters of Michigan – The Michigan Marijuana Act Initiated Law 1 of 2008.

It is my experience in dealing with the Law Enforcement Community and Court System that a severe lack of Education exists with regard to understanding this new Law. While I do not want to go into the details of my particular Court battle, I feel a sense of patriotic duty and a love for our Democratic process, which compels me to participate in this Hearing.

After months of attempting to educate Law Enforcement Officers, Prosecutors, and the Judge, I am still being Prosecuted after being unlawfully incarcerated and my Property, including my Legal Medication, unlawfully seized. In addition, my Chronic Medical Condition is currently going untreated. The Court has ordered that I stop using my Legal Medication, Recommended to me by my Family Physician of the past 15 years, and is randomly Drug Testing me despite the fact that I possess a Michigan Department of Community Health Medical Marijuana Program Registry Patient ID Card that was issued prior to my arrest. As a result, my Health, Family, and Income are all suffering.

I believe that the ignorance of the Law Enforcement Community and the current climate of unwillingness of the Court System to comply with the Will of the Voters is the reason for my current Criminal Charge. Not only should I not have been incarcerated, I should never have been charged with this Crime. Currently, I await for a Hearing for a Motion to Dismiss the Charges, which was to have taken place today, January 19, but the date was moved, further prolonging Justice. This process is clearly a situation where I am Guilty until proven Innocent, which is downright Un-American.

Clearly, the flaw is not in the Law, but it is in the Human application of the Law. What we need, as the Medical Marijuana Community is to demand that the Law Enforcement Officers and the Justice System are properly trained and retrained to insure that they are up-to-date with the current status of the MDCH in the ability for the MMP to keep-up with demand for Registry Cards.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sebastian D. Mancuso', written over a horizontal line.

Sebastian D. Mancuso